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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
**HIGHLY CROSS-LINKED, EXTREMELY HYDROPHOBIC NITRIC OXIDE-  
RELEASING POLYMERS & METHODS OF THEIR MANUFACTURE & USE**  
Our Ref: 17363.20

Dear Mr. Fitzhugh:

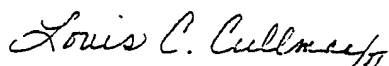
Please find enclosed a copy of the patent application as filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Also enclosed are the formal papers (Combined Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition and Assignment) for execution in connection with this matter. Please execute the papers where indicated and return them to the undersigned in the postage paid envelope provided by **December 3, 2001.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Best regards,

Oppenheimer Wolff &amp; Donnelly LLP



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Enclosure

November 13, 2001

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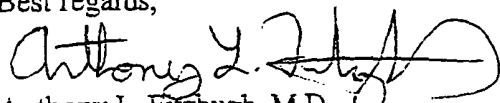
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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
**Highly Cross-Linked, Extremely Hydrophobic Nitric Oxide-  
Releasing Polymers & Methods Of Their Manufacture & Use**  
Your Ref: 17363.20

Dear Chip:

I received a copy of the abovementioned patent application and accompanying formal documents (Combined Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition and Assignment) that you forwarded to me. However, as your letter requests action on my part with respect to inventions I made as a federal contract employee, such requests should be made through official channels. Accordingly, please send this and all future requests for patent related work to: Ms. Jill S. Sugden, Director of Human Resources, SAIC Frederick, P.O. Box B, Frederick, MD 21702-1201 (E-mail: [jsugden@ncicrf.gov](mailto:jsugden@ncicrf.gov), Phone: 301-846-5193, Fax: 301-846-6713 or Dr. Thomas Stackhouse, OTD/NCI, NIH. Regrettably, while I did not have an opportunity to review the final application before it was filed with the USPTO and therefore am uncertain of its contents, I will be happy to do so at the direction of SAIC. I am returning the original above-referenced documents to you but have retained a copy for my files.

Best regards,

  
Anthony L. Fitzhugh, M.D.

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Thomas Stackhouse, OTD, NCI, NIH  
Norbert Pontzer, OD, NIH

Enclosures